

2008 “Polly” Rosenbaum Writing Contest



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“How the Character of Arizona's Youth Affects Arizona's Future”

The “Polly” Rosenbaum Writing Contest is named for Polly Rosenbaum, a former State Representative and teacher. This writing contest is a long-standing tradition. Mrs. Rosenbaum, who passed away in 2003 at the age of 104, believed Arizona’s young people are the state’s greatest resource. APS and the Arizona Educational Foundation say, “Thank you Polly!” for many years of hard work and dedication in support of education.

Supplement your curriculum and this is how your students will benefit:

-  Creative writing assignment for the real-world
-  Opportunity to attend Statehood Day celebration at State Capitol
-  Students can apply the Arizona Six-Trait Writing Rubric
-  Opportunity to meet state legislators
-  Opportunity to win prizes

Eligibility:

1. All students currently enrolled in Arizona schools in grades 7-12 are eligible to compete in the contest in one of three categories: Grades 7 & 8; Grades 9 & 10; Grades 11 & 12
2. The number of entries submitted per teacher is limited to 10; one entry per student is allowed.
3. Teachers are encouraged to submit only the best from their classes; schools are encouraged to submit only the best from their schools.

How to Enter:

1. Students must submit a creative writing piece – an essay, poem, story or play – **NOT** just a factual report – based on the theme: *“How the Character of Arizona's Youth Affects Arizona's Future”*
2. The entry must be **typed**, no smaller than **12- point font, double-spaced**, no less than **one-inch margins** all around with a **maximum of 500** words.
3. Each student must complete and sign an **Entry Form** (enclosed; you may make copies), which must be stapled to each entry. **Do not put the student's name on the creative writing piece itself.**
4. Contest entries must be **postmarked no later than Friday, January 11, 2008**. Entries will not be returned.

Prizes:

1. Judges will select at least one winner from each of the three grade categories. Runners-up in any of the grade categories may also be named. First, second and third place winners will be recognized on **Arizona Statehood Day** at the State Capitol on Thursday, February 14, 2008. First, second and third place winners along with their two guests will be invited to eat lunch at the State Capitol; first place winners may be asked to read their essay.
2. First, second and third place winners in each category will receive:
 - First place: \$40 gift certificate to the Capitol Museum Store
 - Second place: \$20 gift certificate to the Capitol Museum Store
 - Third place: \$10 gift certificate to the Capitol Museum Store
3. Each participant will receive a commemorative pen.

Judging

1. Judging will be based on adherence to the topic *“How the Character of Arizona's Youth Affects Arizona's Future”* as well as correct grammar and spelling, thoughtfulness, originality, creativity, and style.
2. Entries must be in English, typed in at least 12-point font, double-spaced with at least one-inch margins and no more than 500 words.
3. Entries will be judged separately in the three grade level categories so that 7th graders are not competing with 12th graders.
4. Representatives from the contest sponsors, educators and community leaders will judge the contest.
5. All decisions of the judges will be final.

For more information, contact Bobbie O’Boyle at the Arizona Educational Foundation

Phone: 480-421-9376 or email: bobbie@azedfoundation.org

Additional forms are available at www.azedfoundation.org

Entry Form

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This completed form must accompany each entry that is submitted for consideration in the contest. You may make copies of this form, or download extra forms from the Arizona Educational Foundation's website: www.azedfoundation.org. Please staple this Entry Form securely to the front of each student's original work. **Do not** put the student's name on the creative writing piece.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY:

Student's Name: First _____ Last _____

Please circle: Male / Female Grade Category – please circle one: 7/8 9/10 11/12

School Name _____

School Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Teacher's Name (first & last) _____

Teacher's Email _____ Teacher's Phone () _____

Please sign, verifying the attached is your own, original work _____
(student's signature)

“Polly” Rosenbaum Writing Contest Teacher Checklist

- ☐ 1. Check that each student wrote his/her creative writing piece according to the contest rules: **TYPED, DOUBLE SPACED, 500-WORD MAXIMUM, AT LEAST 12 POINT FONT, AT LEAST ONE-INCH MARGINS.**
- ☐ 2. Ask each student to complete the Entry Form correctly and legibly and staple it to the front of his/her entry (student's name should not appear on the creative-writing piece itself).
- ☐ 3. Mail the original work(s) and entry form(s) (**NOTE: Limit** the number of entries submitted per teacher to **10; one entry per student** is allowed), postmarked **by Friday, January 11, 2008** to:

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